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FORMER CALIFORNIA PAROLE AGENT PLEADS GUILTY TO CIVIL RIGHTS OFFENSE FOR GROPPING SUPERVISEE

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that RONALD TRAVIS, 56, of Elk Grove, a former California Parole Agent, pleaded guilty today before United States Magistrate Judge Dale A. Drozd to a federal civil rights offense in connection with his conduct in relation to a woman who was under his supervision as a parolee in 2005. TRAVIS, who is no longer employed by the California Department of Corrections, pleaded guilty to deprivation of rights under color of law, a misdemeanor.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the California Department of Corrections Office of Internal Affairs.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Benjamin B. Wagner, who is prosecuting the case, TRAVIS in his plea of guilty admitted that he kissed, groped and fondled a woman who was under his supervision on several occasions in May and June 2005. The supervisee submitted to TRAVIS' contact because she feared that he would misuse his official authority over her if she refused.

United States Attorney Scott said, "Those who serve in law enforcement are expected to discharge their duties with proper regard for the rights of citizens, including convicted persons, with whom they

come in contact. Those few who misuse their authority and violate federal civil rights laws can expect to become defendants themselves.”

Sentencing before Judge Drozd is scheduled for January 29, 2008.

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